GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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USE OF MOBILE PHONE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised not to allow children below 16 years of age to use cellphones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments have also banned the use of cellphones in the schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to ban the use of cellphones in all the educational institutions run by the Government/private educational institutions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) This Ministry has not issued any such advice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Education being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of State Governments. Several State Governments have banned use of cellphones in schools. So far as Ministry of Human Resource Development is concerned, there is no proposal at present to ban use of cellphones in educational institutions.